

## Claims

### WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A ticket dispensing mechanism for separating a selected number of instant lottery tickets from a continuous strip perforated at intervals, said dispensing mechanism comprising:
  - control means for presetting the distance that the continuous strip of tickets will travel, which pre-set distance corresponds to the number of tickets to be separated and subsequently dispensed;
  - a motor constructed and arranged to power advancement of the continuous strip of tickets in both a first and a second direction; and a clutch assembly.